



PATENT - Reply under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure – Examining Group 2851

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hazelton, et al.)
Serial No: 09/714,747) Art Unit
Filed: November 16, 2000) 2851
For: Stage Assembly Including a Reaction)
Mass Assembly)
Examiner: Esplin, David)
Attorney Docket: PA0287-US / 11269.15)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment and response is to the Final Office Action dated May 1, 2003. The Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment and Response be considered after final rejection because the Applicants have complied with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. The Application, as amended, is believed by the Applicants to be in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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